

# SAFETY ON THE LINE

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“.... Be careful when speaking. You create the world around you with your words.”

Navajo elder.

## Alcohol and the Holidays

The holiday season is upon us again and for some, not a moment too soon! This is typically a time to spend with family and friends celebrating the holidays. Some of these celebrations will be at social functions where alcohol will be served. **THINK BEFORE YOUR DRINK!** Did you know that...

In Brevard County last year:

- 30 vehicular deaths resulted because of alcohol impaired drivers.
  - 683 accidents resulted from alcohol impaired drivers.
- That's 2 alcohol related accidents every day!

Here are some points to consider if you should get arrested for an alcohol related traffic citation.

- MONEY - The average fine for a drinking and driving conviction is between \$1000 and \$2000. When you add this to another fee of several thousands dollars, for a lawyer, this can really cost you ... in your wallet!
- INSURANCE - If you are convicted of drinking and driving, your insurance company doesn't have to renew your policy. If you are lucky to find insurance, it will probably cost you double or triple your existing rate. Again, this hurts... in your wallet!
- CAR - If stopped for drinking and driving and you are alone, your car is usually towed away. You will have to pay towing and storage fees before your car is returned.
- REPUTATION and RESPECT - These two are hard to measure... but there is no question they would suffer.

Enjoy the holiday, but Think Before You Drink

(Statistics taken from Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Safety and Traffic Crash Facts, 1997)



## Super Safety Question/Answer

### Question

“Could the KSC Emergency Management office be more descriptive concerning local emergencies? During last Summer's wildfires, the information about road closures was very helpful; however, very little was included about the direction or where the fires were located. Also, where can I take large animals during a situation like this?”

### Answer

The information our office was relaying was information being fed from the Brevard County Emergency Operation Center. As the messenger, we tried very hard to keep the KSC populace informed. Particular details about individual housing areas was nearly impossible to disseminate. The fires were moving so fast and were so unpredictable, usually the information was old by the time we received it. As for animal issues, now is the time to call Brevard County EOC, 633-1770 (while things are quiet) and determine what can be done with animals during a disaster. We usually wait until we are in the middle of the disaster to think about these things. It pays to plan ahead! We will continue to try and provide the best information possible.

Super Safety Day Question answered by Wayne Kee, KSC Emergency Preparedness Officer. Call him at 867-3795 if you have additional questions.



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